

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/September 25-October 5, 2003

<u>SR 20-Clark Street/City of Republic (MP 303)-</u>Utility and sidewalk work underway. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509)775-2929.

SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)- Complete.

<u>I-90/Salnave Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)-</u> Work will continue on this project through Friday, September 26th. During this time there will be intermittent lane closures on the project. Work remaining includes: signs, pavement markings, recessed pavement, and other items. Minor items may continue after this date with only minimal lane restrictions. **VARIABLE SPEED LIMIT ALERT**: There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 55 mph in the vicinity of this project when lanes restrictions are in place. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit signs.

<u>HIGH IMPACT!! Interstate 90 ITS System (Sunset Hill to Argonne Project)-</u> Several components are underway:

- Shoulder paving on Sprague Avenue to Hatch Street (6 blocks east of Division) will be underway until about noon each day through Saturday morning. Westbound Sprague Avenue will be reduced to one lane. No work during morning commute.
- Paving on Freya Street from Sprague Avenue to Second Ave. on Monday morning (9/29) at 1:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Paving continues on Freya from Second to I-90 throughout the day on Monday.
- Work on the sign bridge foundation barrier on Friday (9/26) on <u>Eastbound</u> I-90 near Havana Street. The <u>eastbound</u> right lane will be closed from 8:30 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m. Possible night closures of the eastbound Havana Street on-ramp. Motorists should expect slow traffic and possible congestion.

HIGH IMPACT!! Westbound Interstate 90/Latah Creek Bridge (MP 279)-On Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, from midnight until about 9:00 a.m., WSDOT Bridge crews will be making repairs on the westbound side of the Latah Creek bridge. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to one lane during this work. Motorists should expect slow traffic, congestion, and possible delays.

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HIGH IMPACT!! Eastbound Interstate 90/Regal Street Pedestrian Bridge (MP 282)-On Thursday, October 2, from about 9:00 a.m. to as late as 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Bridge crews will be making repairs to this bridge. The eastbound Altamont on-ramp will be closed. The eastbound Thor/Freya off ramp will remain open.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- Night paving continues through the end of this week (9/26) on the westbound shoulder of I-90. Work will be underway between 7:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. with westbound freeway lane restrictions. Drainage work continues in the median with eastbound and westbound night lane restrictions. Starting on Monday night the westbound traffic flow will begin to be moved over to the new temporary lanes. This process will take several days-one short segment at a time. When completed, this will be a long-term traffic configuration with the two westbound through lanes on temporary pavement. All on and off ramps will remain open. Eastbound traffic is not affected. Eastbound traffic will remain in the regular configuration until next Spring. No weekend work is scheduled.

<u>I-90/Stateline (MP 299)-</u>On Wednesday and Thursday, October 1 and 2, WSDOT Crews from Olympia will be working with truck weight electrical systems. Eastbound <u>OR</u> westbound I-90 may be reduced to one lane between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Motorists may experience slow traffic, congestions, and delays.

US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)-No work.

SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge 290/4 Replacement (MP 0.4-0.6)- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and just west of Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

<u>US 395/Hatton Coulee Rest Area (MP 66)</u>-The Hatton Coulee Rest Area is closed until further notice due to water system problems.

HIGH IMPACT!! US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)—Mainline paving is complete. Shoulder work, approach paving, and other items are underway. Motorists should expect delays of up to 15-20 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic. This work requires dry weather.

<u>US 395 / Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 228.92)</u> Complete.

SR 904/Cheney to Four Lakes (MP 12-16)-No work.